

RE-3 Senators and Officers Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Private Sponsor(s):**Travel Dates:**

American Enterprise Institute

March 9th - March 12th, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):**Relationship to Traveler:**

Gayle Wicker

Wife

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$ 1635.00 (air&ground)	\$1980.00	\$1380.00	Waived \$16,000 Conference Fee

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
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- The final approved itinerary

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I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

3/29/23

Date


Signature of Senator/Officer



November 14, 2022

The Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wicker:

I am writing to invite you and a guest to the American Enterprise Institute's annual World Forum, which will be held March 9–12, 2023, in Sea Island, Georgia.

AEI's World Forum has a remarkable 40-year history that has made it one of the most important gatherings of influential leaders grappling with the most critical policy challenges of the day. Every year, we convene a group of world leaders from government, business, media, and academia to discuss the major challenges facing the free world.

What sets AEI's Forum apart from other events of its kind, however, is its reputation as one of the most substantive and thought-provoking off-the-record events that features serious, civil debate on both today's urgent issues and those that are further afield. Your participation as a speaker would add great value to these conversations.

I very much hope you will be able to join us this year. I have enclosed the agenda and participant list from last year's World Forum, and I will share with you the 2023 program agenda as it takes shape.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Doar", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Doar
President
American Enterprise Institute

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SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA

MARCH 9-12, 2023

Note: The information in this program and all AEI World Forum discussions are confidential and off-the-record.

2023 AEI World Forum



AEI's 2023 World Forum will address the challenges that the United States and its allies face in economics, security, and social welfare. The annual event is completely off-the-record and attracts top business and financial executives and entrepreneurs, as well as distinguished statesmen, scholars, and military leaders from around the world. Discussions of varying size are carefully structured to be candid, provocative, and informative. A premium is placed on lively debate, contrarian thinking, and solutions-oriented discussion.

Unencumbered by political or special interests, as always, the Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative solutions with real-world impact. AEI expects the World Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad. The mix of participants' knowledge, experience, savvy, and talent makes the World Forum a unique venue for insight and intelligence unavailable at any other gathering.

The event, held annually at The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia, is a private event for the purpose of encouraging a frank and free-ranging competition of ideas. Ample time is reserved for social events, sports and recreation, and private meetings. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend and participate in the Forum's discussions.

The 2023 World Forum agenda is currently in development. As an example, the 2022 agenda and participant list follow.



From March 9 to 12, 2023, all of Sea Island will be devoted to the AEI World Forum.

Located along five miles of private beach on the Atlantic coast, Sea Island has served as an unrivaled luxury resort and vacation and meeting destination since 1928.

Sea Island is only minutes from McKinnon St. Simons Island Airport, which services private aircraft.

Sea Island is located halfway between Savannah, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida, and is approximately a one-hour drive from both cities' international airports.

Wednesday, March 9

All Day	Registration	The Cloister
6:00–8:30 p.m.	Informal Reception and Dinner	The Cloister

Thursday, March 10

7:30–10:15 a.m.	Informal Breakfast	The Cloister
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Seminar Session Walls and Bridges: Rebuilding Conservative Economics R. Glenn Hubbard	The Cloister Conservative economic ideas have centered on growth, prosperity, and flourishing. Two currents threaten these ideas and the economic gains they bring. First, some conservative voices today reject liberalism and openness in favor of populism and nationalism. Their walls against change put growth and prosperity at risk. Second, neoliberal economists and policymakers have often paid too little attention to the effects of disruption accompanying technological change and globalization on the lives of many. Conservative economics must remember bridges to prepare and reconnect more Americans to our dynamic economy to ensure social support for the disruption that necessarily accompanies growth. In this seminar, AEI Senior Fellow R. Glenn Hubbard will talk about “walls” and “bridges,” and we’ll bring Adam Smith into the conversation. The economy’s goal should be the mass flourishing Smith sought; that goal remains the North Star for conservative economic policy.
12:00–1:15 p.m.	Lunch	The Cloister
1:30–3:00 p.m.	Seminar Session India’s Changing Role Sadanand Dhume Kori Schake (Moderator)	The Cloister Over the past two decades, as India has drawn closer to the US, many in Washington have begun to view India as a democratic bulwark against authoritarian China. But the rise of hard-line Hindu nationalism in India raises questions about the country’s trajectory. Will the world’s second most populous nation live up to its potential and become a prosperous liberal democracy, or are we in danger of once again making an overly optimistic bet in Asia?
3:15–4:45 p.m.	Seminar Sessions The Right: The Hundred-Year War for American Conservatism Matthew Continetti The Twilight Struggle Hal Brands	The Cloister It is easy to be confused by the state of the contemporary right. Is the movement that made Ronald Reagan president the same one that elevated Donald Trump? What have conservatives conserved? And what is the future of the Republican Party? In this seminar, drawing on his forthcoming book, AEI Senior Fellow Matthew Continetti will offer a sweeping account of conservatism’s evolution, from the Progressive Era through the present. Drawing out the tensions between the desire for mainstream acceptance and the pull of ideological purity, Continetti argues that the more one studies conservatism’s past, the more one can make sense of its present and its future. The United States is entering an era of great-power competition with China and Russia. Yet this is not the first time America has faced such problems; for 45 years after World War II, it waged and won another long twilight struggle against another authoritarian foe, the Soviet Union. In this session, Hal Brands, author of the new book <i>The Twilight Struggle: What the Cold War Teaches Us About Great-Power Rivalry Today</i> (2022), will lead an open discussion on how the past can inform American strategy in the current rivalries with Beijing and Moscow.

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2022 AGENDA

5:00–6:00 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister
6:00–6:05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks Robert Doar	The Cloister
6:05–6:45 p.m.	Opening Conversation Perspectives from America's Governors Bill Haslam Brian P. Kemp Kevin Stitt Robert Doar (Moderator)	The Cloister
7:00–8:15 p.m.	Dinner	The Cloister
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Starlight Chats A Conversation with Larry Hogan Scott Gottlieb (Moderator) Apollo: The View from the Front Row of Mission Control Jerry Bostick Charles Murray (Moderator) The Teenage Brain on and off Social Media Ethan Kross Ryan Streater (Moderator)	The Cloister

Friday, March 11

Ukraine Situation Room

7:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. The Cloister

Frederick W. Kagan and the Critical Threats Project (CTP) at AEI work closely with their research partner, the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), to track the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, assess and map its progress, and forecast the future of the conflict. CTP and ISW maps are actively used by most major media outlets, gracing the front page of the *New York Times* and being prominently featured by CNN, the BBC, Reuters, and the *Guardian*—including an Associated Press interactive story with over 9.3 million hits. CTP and ISW have taken to the airwaves to discuss the conflict appearing on Fox News, Sky News, and many podcasts. Notably, Kagan took to the *Jordan B. Peterson Podcast* twice, with a combined 1.8 million views and counting.

The Ukraine Situation Room will showcase the most recent CTP-ISW map on the conflict and have updated information available on the crisis as it unfolds.

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfast An Interview with the Director of the National Economic Council Brian Deese James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Beach Club
8:45–10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions The Return of Stagflation? Jason Furman Michael R. Strain Phillip Swagel Kevin Warsh Mark M. Zandi James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Cloister

Consumer prices are rising faster than they have in decades. Inflation is wrecking consumer confidence. The Federal Reserve came to realize it was behind the curve in curbing inflation, but did that realization come too late? Will inflation cool in 2022, or will it lead to stagnation? Will the Fed be forced to take aggressive action, and could that accidentally tip the economy into a recession? A panel of expert economists will discuss what to expect this year.

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The Supreme Court's Pivotal Year—and What Might Come Next

Paul D. Clement
 Amy Howe
 Scott A. Keller
 Adam J. White (Moderator)

The ongoing term of the Supreme Court, which will conclude this spring, is exceptionally packed with consequential cases. The justices will take up abortion, affirmative action, religious liberty, the administrative state, and a number of other crucial issues. What should we expect in these key cases, and what might they teach us about the direction of the Roberts Court and the future of our system of government?

What Is the University For?

Joshua T. Katz
 Anthony Kronman
 Jenna Silber Storey
 Benjamin Storey (Moderator)

Higher education has been the subject of intense controversy in recent years, as threats to free speech, intellectual diversity, and the academic ethic have proliferated. But to prevail in the resulting struggles, it is crucial to recall what there is to fight for in the university, not just what there is to fight against. Worries about illiberalism on campus should point us toward the importance of liberal education and the essential role that the humanities can play in the life of a free society.

10:15–11:30 a.m.

Morning Sessions

Securing Public Trust in Our Elections

John C. Fortier
 Kevin Johnson
 Yuval Levin (Moderator)

The Cloister

The administration of elections has become explosively controversial in the past few years, as both serious worries and baseless conspiracies have multiplied while Republicans and Democrats have each pursued partisan legislative measures on their own. Distinguishing truth from falsehood and fostering greater public confidence in the essential infrastructure of our democracy requires an informed and level-headed conversation across party lines.

Should Washington Regulate Silicon Valley?

Katie Biber
 Timothy J. Muris
 Jeffrey A. Rosen
 Ari Schulman
 Adam J. White (Moderator)

As the major social media platforms and other key technology companies have come to play a greater role in the lives of all Americans, policymakers have increasingly been pressured to regulate their growing power. The prospect of such action has divided the political right in particular. But aggressive talk has far exceeded careful thought on all sides of the resulting debates, and some basic questions remain wide open: What are the problems to be solved? What powers are legitimately available to policymakers? What are the potential consequences of action and inaction?

Talent: What We Know About How It Is Cultivated and What It Means for Schools, Parents, and Education Policy

Doug Ducey
 Michael Moe
 Ian Rowe
 Matt Sigelman
 Frank C. Worrell
 John P. Bailey (Moderator)

We use the word “talent” all the time, but what is it? Do we really understand how to identify and cultivate it in children and workers? Does our educational system help or hinder it? Are we overlooking talented young people because of how we measure ability? Join us for an intriguing discussion about the state of talent development in America and what it means for our schools, universities, and businesses.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Informal Lunch

The Cloister

1:15–3:15 p.m.	General Session The Return to Great-Power Competition: China, Russia, and the United States Jim Banks Ami Bera Aaron Friedberg Bi-khim Hsiao Sven Jürgenson Rob Portman Matt Pottinger Victoria Spartz Danielle Pletka (Moderator)	The Cloister There are some who suggest, in all seriousness, that World War III is around the corner. For the first time in more than three decades, there is discussion of the use of tactical nuclear weapons. NATO is rebuilding and may expand. Much of the worry and the incentives to thicken Europe's armor center around Vladimir Putin's bloody war on Ukraine. Few know where he will stop or if his ambitions are limited. But until war broke out in Eurasia, all eyes were on Beijing. At the beginning quietly, now much less so, Xi Jinping has been on the march: Using the wealth that sprang from reforms before his time, he consolidated power, began colonizing the South China Sea, and once again centralized the Chinese Communist Party as the manager of most economic power in China. Now Hong Kong's freedom is gone, a million Muslim Uyghurs are in concentration camps, and Xi is overtly threatening to attack and "reunify" Taiwan with the mainland. There are hundreds of threads to pull as we discuss these growing national security and economic threats, but perhaps the most important will be: Is the United States up to the challenge—economically, politically and militarily? We can enumerate the threats, but do we have the will, the capacity, and a strategy to meet them?
3:15–5:30 p.m.	Recreation Time During this time, you may participate as a spectator in the war-game activity or engage in the many recreation activities at Sea Island.	
3:30–5:30 p.m.	Taiwan War Game Join AEI's Foreign and Defense Policy Studies scholars for a war game, modeled after Pentagon strategy sessions, and learn about the department's research on how the US can counter China. You will play as a US or allied leader and make decisions as a crisis unfolds in the Taiwan Strait. Will you be able to contain the crisis, or will China take the island?	The Cloister
5:30–6:00 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Dinner Conversation Governing in Divided Times Patrick McHenry Elise Stefanik Yuval Levin (Moderator)	The Cloister
6:45–8:15 p.m.	Dinner	The Cloister
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Starlight Chats A Conversation with Tim Scott Paul Ryan (Moderator) Our Age of Decadence Ross Douthat Yuval Levin (Introduction)	The Cloister

Saturday, March 12**Ukraine Situation Room**

7:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m. The Cloister

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7:30–8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

The Cloister

The Future of Conservative Journalism

Jonah Goldberg

Ramesh Ponnuru

Matthew Continetti (Moderator)

Why Does Racial Inequality Persist?

Glenn C. Loury

Ryan Streeter (Introduction)

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

Can the US Defend Taiwan?

Hal Brands

Klon Kitchen

Oriana Skylar Mastro

Jimmy Panetta

Rick Scott

Kori Schake (Moderator)

China has been unwavering in insisting on reunification with Taiwan, although the Taiwanese increasingly view themselves as Taiwanese rather than Chinese. China has modernized its military, prioritizing capabilities to threaten Taiwan's independence. Does China pose a near-term military threat to Taiwan? Could it subvert Taiwan without fighting? Leading AEI scholars will share their research on the threats China poses.

Governing Outside the Beltway

Chris Christie

Asa Hutchinson

Pete Ricketts

Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)

From education and economic growth to natural disaster response, the nation's governors have executive responsibilities that do not depend on control of Congress by one party or another. With Congress potentially deadlocked on these and other issues until the 2024 presidential elections, governors will not have the luxury of extended debate. What challenges and opportunities are on the minds of governors across the country? What lessons have governors from different regions learned from the past two years of pandemic response, public safety challenges, and the changing nature of education and work?

Leaving No Man Behind: The American Patriots Rescuing US Citizens and Allies We Abandoned in Afghanistan

Elliot Ackerman

Mike Edwards

Michael Waltz

Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)

While the Biden administration is heralding its August pullout from Afghanistan as an "extraordinary success," America's tumultuous retreat has sparked outrage and shame in the United States and abroad. Amid a hasty and calamitous military evacuation, a terror attack carried out by the Islamic State-Khorasan at Kabul's international airport on August 26, 2021, resulted in the deaths of an estimated 170 Afghans and 13 US service members. Moreover, despite President Joe Biden's vow to leave no man behind, when the last American plane departed Kabul, hundreds of American citizens and as many as 62,000 of our Afghan allies were left stranded and at the mercy of the Taliban. In the face of government inaction, a handful of individuals dedicated themselves to raising awareness and getting those we abandoned out of Afghanistan. Join AEI Senior Fellow Marc A. Thiessen as he hosts Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL), founder of Project Exodus Relief and former Army Master Sergeant Mike Edwards, and author and former Marine Elliot Ackerman for a discussion on their past and ongoing efforts to rescue the American citizens and Afghan allies left behind during the US withdrawal from Afghanistan.

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10:30–11:45 a.m.	Morning Conversation A Conversation with Michael Burns Ross Douthat (Moderator)	The Cloister Michael Burns, vice chairman of Lionsgate, has been a prominent Hollywood executive for two decades. Leading the company responsible for such hit films as <i>The Hunger Games</i>, <i>John Wick</i>, and the <i>Twilight</i> franchise and television hits such as <i>Mad Men</i> and <i>Orange Is the New Black</i>, among many others, he is also one of the few right-of-center voices in the industry. Mr. Burns and AEI Nonresident Fellow Ross Douthat will discuss the state of the movie business, politics and Hollywood, and much more.
12:00–1:45 p.m.	Keynote Conversation A Conversation with Mitch McConnell Ben Sasse (Moderator)	The Beach Club
2:15–3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Alternative Approaches to Poverty Robert Doar Glenn C. Loury Ian Rowe Scott Winship Naomi Schaefer Riley (Moderator)	The Cloister Progressive politicians and experts often identify racial discrimination and material deprivation as the primary causes of poverty in America. Conservatives believe the issue is more complicated and that issues such as family formation, employment, substance abuse, and neighborhood safety are more important. But what are the solutions to those issues? And how big of a role should government efforts play in addressing them? Panelists will share their insights around alternative solutions to the challenges of poverty and inequality. Professor Glenn C. Loury of Brown University and AEI's Ian Rowe will also offer their perspectives on race and inequality—a preview of the conference they are organizing in Dallas, Texas, this May. Does the Biden Economic Agenda Have a Future? Ami Bera John Cornyn Brian Deese R. Glenn Hubbard Patrick McHenry Michael R. Strain Alex Brill (Moderator) President Joe Biden's Build Back Better (BBB) initiative collapsed. But the White House and congressional Democrats remain committed to advancing an economic and social policy agenda. What are the prospects for major legislation? What would a BBB 2.0 include? And how would Democrats' policy goals affect the economy, workers, and households? How Do We Teach Contested American History? Wilfred M. McClay Ben Sasse Diana Schaub Yuval Levin (Moderator) History and civic education are essential to national unity, but as we have seen in recent years, they are also inherently controversial subjects. In deciding how to teach the rising generation about both the highs and lows of our society's past, we are forced to ask who we are as a nation and who we aim to be. How should historians, teachers, parents, and citizens approach the resulting challenges? How can we avoid both whitewashing our greatest national failings and diminishing our country's greatest achievements? Stressing Institutions: The White House and the Justice Department After the 2020 Election Jeffrey A. Rosen Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator) During President Donald Trump's last month in office, he continued to repeat claims of widespread election fraud, both publicly and privately, including to cabinet officials. At the Department of Justice (DOJ), Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen faced persistent inquiries from the president, but the department maintained its proper role and held fast to the rule of law. What really happened? What is the DOJ's proper role? Why did the system work in this instance? And how can we move on with a renewed commitment to the Constitution?

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3:30–5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break	
5:00–5:45 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Keynote Lecture	The Cloister
	A Conversation with Susan Collins	
	Robert Doar (Moderator)	
7:15–8:45 p.m.	Dinner	The Beach Club
9:00–10:00 p.m.	Starlight Chats	The Cloister
	A Conversation with Nicholas Eberstadt	
	Robert Doar (Moderator)	
	Live from the Ukraine Situation Room	
	Frederick Kagan	
	Kimberly Kagan	

Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine redefined the post-Cold War order and poses major implications for global security. The Critical Threats Project (CTP) at AEI and the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) are standing watch and producing real-time maps and intelligence analyses from unclassified information to inform policymakers and the public at large. CTP and ISW maps on the conflict have gone viral and are used by most major media outlets, including the *New York Times*, CNN, the BBC, Reuters, the *Guardian*, and the Associated Press. Join Frederick W. Kagan (CTP) and Kimberly Kagan (ISW), who have been leading crisis coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, for a discussion on the most recent events in Ukraine as they unfold.

Welcome to the Intellectual Wet Market

Jonah Goldberg

Sunday, March 13**Ukraine Situation Room**

8:30–10:00 a.m. The Cloister

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8:30–10:00 a.m. Early Bird Breakfasts The Cloister

How Conservatives Changed the World—and How They Can Do It Again

Matthew Continetti

The State of the Climate

Steven E. Koonin

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Ryan Streeter (Moderator)

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Enterprise Institute
 2. Description of the trip: World Forum focuses on creative and forward-lookin ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative policy solutions with real-world impact.
 3. Dates of travel: March 9-12, 2023
 4. Place of travel: Sea Island Resort
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Addendum
 6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
 7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
☐ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
 8. I *certify* that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☐ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AEI organizes the entire conference, travel, and agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on a variety of policy issues. AEI is responsible for all logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
- AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The World Forum seeks to encourage frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI expects the Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the 40th year of World Forum. Each Forum, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation. Members from both House and Senate regularly attend as speakers.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AEI hosts around 250 public events (virtual and in-person) each year, in addition to distributing educational materials via online resources, including AEI website and emails. These products cover a number of topics and seek to encourage a competition of ideas.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	Total: \$680 (airfare) \$275 (ground transportation)	Total: \$660 (\$/night) *per couple	Total: \$ per person (3 Breakfast, \$72) (2 Lunch, \$72) (3 Dinner, \$110)	Waived Conference Fee for All Speakers: \$16,000

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The hotel and location of the conference is in close proximity to East Coast (AEI headquarters) and easily accessible by multiple airports catering to the East and West Coast.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Sea Island Resort, The Cloister, 100 Cloister Drive Sea Island, GA 31561

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel is in close proximity to the East Coast and easily accessible by multiple airports.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

See addendum.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach airfare will be provided for all retreat speakers, in addition to coach ground transportation to and from the the local airport and Sea Island Resort.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

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Addendum: Question 21:

The lodging cost per day (\$660.00/night) is higher than the per diem rate of the area. Senate participants will be placed in standard rooms. Since this is a large conference, this was the lowest cost and closest to the per diem rate that AEI could secure, given the hotel's prices. The cost of meals (\$72/breakfast, \$72/lunch, \$110/dinner) reflects catering cost charged to AEI by the hotel. Alcohol is not included. This trip was arranged without regard to congressional participation, and we verify that no special treatment was given to members in either lodging or food.



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Thursday, March 9

All Day	Registration	Cloister
5:00–6:30 p.m.	Reception	Beach Club
6:30–7:15 p.m.	Opening and Welcome	Beach Club
	Proving Principles and Policies Under Pressure	
	Brian P. Kemp Robert Doar (Moderator)	Facing down powerful opponents in both parties who sought to undermine his state's elections, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp has stayed true to our country's founding ideals. All the while, he has pursued his core agenda to promote economic opportunity, ensure public safety, and reform Georgia's government and finances. Join Gov. Kemp and AEI President Robert Doar for a conversation on conservative governance and principled leadership in the face of exceptional challenges.
7:15–8:30 p.m.	Buffet Dinner	Beach Club
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Evening Conversation	Beach Club
	A Conversation with Brian Deese	
	Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)	

Friday, March 10

7:15–9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Open	Cloister
7:30–8:15 a.m.	Early Bird Sessions	Cloister
	A Conversation with Francis Collins	
	Yuval Levin (Moderator)	Francis Collins is among the most important American scientists of the past half century. His pioneering research uncovered the genes responsible for cystic fibrosis, Huntington's disease, and numerous other genetic disorders. He created and led the Human Genome Project, was director of the National Institutes of Health under three presidents from both parties, and served as President Joe Biden's chief science adviser. Along the way, he has also thought deeply about how the modern scientific enterprise relates to government, religion, culture, and ethics. This wide-ranging conversation will cover the future of biomedical science, lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of American research and development investment, the politics of expertise, and much more.
	Effective Executives: How Governors Steward Their States	
	Doug Burgum Bill Lee Chris Sununu Doug Ducey (Moderator)	As our federal government grapples with numerous challenges, governors are taking on more responsibilities to serve their states. At the same time, new and old policy challenges—from crime and inflation to welfare and education—are making leadership and innovation at the state level especially vital. In a panel discussion, North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, and New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu will discuss how they manage their evolving roles, political expectations, and a number of policy issues, including energy security, social debates, and their states' fiscal health amid runaway federal spending.
8:30–9:15 a.m.	Special Session	Cloister Ballroom
	A Conversation with President Volodymyr Zelensky	

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9:30–10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Can Classical Schools Renew American Education? Michael Ortner Daniel Scoggin Benjamin Storey Jenna Silber Storey (Moderator)	Cloister Progressive assumptions about human nature and society now routinely shape the curriculum and organization of public schools. The rapidly growing movement of classical schools—which now educate about one million American students—is significant in part because it challenges these most fundamental assumptions. What precisely is classical education? And how might it contribute to the renewal of American society?
	How Cities Are Shaping the Future of American Politics and Policy Edward Glaeser Mattie Parker Francis X. Suarez Ryan Streeeter (Moderator)	Cities have been in the news a lot the past couple of years because of rising crime, pandemic-fueled migration, and empty downtowns. Many of these cities are paying a price for years of bad policies that have underserved residents' daily needs, and yet cities are too important a part of the American economy for them to remain in a troubled state. Lessons can be learned from those cities that have gone in the other direction because of their pro-growth, commonsense policies and have served as a haven for people fleeing urban dysfunction elsewhere. How can our ailing urban areas bounce back? Has the dysfunction created new opportunities for a new generation of reform-minded city leaders? Should we be optimistic or pessimistic about the future of America's cities? Join us for a lively discussion with academic experts and mayors who have been looking for and providing answers to these and related questions.
	Opportunity in America: An Assessment Phil Gramm Bill Lee Ian Rowe Michael R. Strain Alex Brill (Moderator)	Elected leaders, commentators, and economists all bemoan the purported absence of upward mobility in America. Progressives on the left and economic nationalists on the right are united in their call for industrial policy to restore an economy that delivers for typical workers. What is the state of mobility and opportunity in America? Is the American dream dead? And what can be done to strengthen it?
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Morning Keynote A Conversation with Mike Pence Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)	Cloister Ballroom
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Conversation The Future of the University Ben Sasse Lawrence H. Summers David Brooks (Moderator)	Beach Club Higher education is crucial to social mobility and economic competitiveness, yet it is also at the center of some of our most contentious cultural debates and political battles. The future of the university is clearly tied up with the future of America. But where is American higher education headed? What are the prospects for free inquiry on campus? What do new technologies portend for teaching and learning? What should campus leaders hope for, fear, and build?
1:45–3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions A Conversation with John Cornyn Kori Schake (Moderator) Are We Living Through a Political Realignment? Ramesh Ponnuru Karl Rove Ruy Teixeira Matthew Continetti (Moderator)	Cloister Demographic, cultural, and economic transformations have been reshaping American political life in this century. What has become of the coalitions of the two major parties? How is our political geography evolving? And is there any prospect of a realignment that might break the polarized deadlock of the past two decades?

Where Does Economic Policy Go from Here?

Katie Britt
 Ted Cruz
 Brian Deese
 Jason Furman
 R. Glenn Hubbard
 Michael R. Strain
 Alex Brill (Moderator)

On the political right, economic policy has been unusually dynamic. Many conservatives adhere to traditional commitments to free markets, individual liberty, and limited government, while others call for an activist government that supports particular industries and types of jobs and uses economic policy to advance a particular image of American life. On the left, internal debates pit neoliberals against more market-skeptical progressives. How will these conflicts be resolved? Which camps will come out on top? And what would be in the best interest of the economy and the nation?

3:00–5:00 p.m. Executive Time

3:00–5:00 p.m. Documentary Screening Cloister
 (optional)

Gotham: The Fall and Rise of New York

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5:00–6:00 p.m. Evening Conversation Cloister Ballroom

A Conversation with Tim Scott

Matthew Continetti (Moderator)

6:00–7:00 p.m. Reception Cloister

7:15–8:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner Cloister

8:45–9:45 p.m. Starlight Chats Cloister

A Conversation with Stacy Schiff

Robert Doar (Moderator)

"Even if forced to at gunpoint, Stacy Schiff would be incapable of writing a dull page or a lame sentence." So said famed biographer Ron Chernow—a sentiment echoed by critics and reviewers throughout Schiff's career. Schiff won the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for *Véra* (*Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov*), her bestselling biography of Vladimir Nabokov's wife. Since then, Schiff has shaped the popular imagination, immersing readers in the mysteries of historical figures as varied as Cleopatra, the Salem witches, and Benjamin Franklin—and topping the *New York Times* bestseller list again and again in the process. Hailed as a "tour de force," her most recent work, *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, reintroduces Americans to the most essential Founding Father—the one who stood behind the change in thinking that produced the American Revolution and, later, the idea of the American dream. Join Schiff and AEI President Robert Doar for a conversation on her work, the historian's challenge of uncovering the past, and the art of writing well.

The Return of the Gods

Ross Douhat
 Yuval Levin (Introduction)

Join AEI's Ross Douhat for a discussion of the varieties of post-Christian spirituality in contemporary America and their implications for society and politics.

Saturday, March 11

7:30–9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Open	Cloister
8:00–9:00 a.m.	Morning Session How to Fix Congress Patrick McHenry Jimmy Panetta Scott Peters Yuval Levin (Moderator)	Cloister Ballroom It's easy to complain that Congress is broken. But what exactly is it failing to do? What would a functional first branch of government look like? And what might be required to get there? Members of Congress of both parties will explore these crucial questions, clarify their differences, and look for common ground.
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Russia After Putin Kelly Craft Andrei Kolesnikov Walter Russell Mead Angela Stent Daniel Treisman Leon Aron (Moderator) The Justice Department in a Politicized Era Jack Goldsmith Sarah Isgur Mike Lee Jeffrey A. Rosen Adam J. White (Moderator) Will the US Be in a Recession in 2023? Jan Hatzius Michael R. Strain Lawrence H. Summers Mark M. Zandi James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	Cloister Edmund Burke thought that “future wisdom” stems from “the past errors and infirmities of mankind.” And so it is with a post-Vladimir Putin Russia: For a long time, it will be shaped by the biggest error of Putin's life, his war on Ukraine. Will the house that Putin built survive him? What other regimes may emerge? Will Russia remain whole or splinter? How would this Russia behave in the world? The Department of Justice (DOJ) is an executive agency that answers to the president, but it has long been insulated from partisan micro-management through norms and traditions. In recent decades, however, the DOJ has found itself almost constantly embroiled in political controversies—thanks to both outside pressures and its own actions. How could the department better handle this challenge, and how could more effective congressional oversight help? The labor market is booming. Employers can't satiate their demand for workers, with two job vacancies for every one unemployed worker. Consumer spending has proven surprisingly resilient to decades-high price inflation, feeding businesses' need for workers. Over the past year, the Federal Reserve has made little progress toward reducing the underlying rate of consumer price inflation. The reigning paradigm at the Fed and on Wall Street for monetary policy's response to the overheated economy has been a few more quarter-point hikes in interest rates at consecutive Fed meetings, followed by a pause. That paradigm is increasingly in doubt. What is the outlook for monetary policy in 2023? And what are the implications of that outlook for financial markets and the real economy? Will the US economy be in recession this year?

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	General Session	Cloister Ballroom
	US-Asia Outlook: Opportunities and Threats	
	<i>Panelists:</i> Aaron Friedberg Mike Gallagher Chris Miller Kori Schake (Moderator)	China has loomed as the primary national security threat in the past two presidencies. The director of national intelligence and military commanders believe the gravest military threat from China will be between now and 2027. Allies want a US vision for how all of us can reduce our reliance on Chinese inputs and manufacturing to better secure our supply chains against geopolitical risk. The Biden administration has failed to deliver, but it has taken several steps, as has Congress, to exclude China from high-tech sectors. President Joe Biden has repeatedly said he would send American troops to defend Taiwan, but he has neither matched those statements to the necessary military spending nor prepared the American public for such a conflict. Do we have the right tools in place to manage China? Are we making enough progress militarily to deter China?
	<i>Respondents:</i> Zack Cooper Ted Cruz Sajid Javid Klon Kitchen Danielle Pletka Rick Scott Lawrence H. Summers Mike Waltz	
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Lunch and Conversation	Beach Club
	Award Presentation	
	A Conversation with Susan Collins and Kyristen Sinema	
	Robert Doar (Moderator)	
2:00–3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions	Cloister
	Energy Policy: Challenges at Home and Abroad	
	Doug Burgum Steven Koonin Chris Wright Daniel Yergin James W. Coleman (Moderator)	In a \$100 trillion global economy that depends on hydrocarbons for 80 percent of its energy, moving to cleaner sources of energy is more challenging than our politicized debates usually acknowledge. And yet amazing strides in energy innovation are making possible new energy sources and ways to access cleaner energy that we could not have imagined a generation ago. What is the actual (nonpolitical) state of play in climate science? Which forms of energy innovation hold the most promise? And how have the recent geopolitics of hydrocarbons changed the policy landscape for America and its allies? Join us for an all-star panel that will explore answers to these and other important questions.
	Have We Passed Peak Woke?	
	Bari Weiss Thomas Chatterton Williams Ross Douthat (Moderator)	Recent years witnessed the ascent of “woke” ideology in education, media, business, the professions, and culture in America and across much of the West. Its transformation of our elite institutions has yielded a backlash that contributed mightily to the populist mood of our politics. Is the worst of the wave of wokeness now behind us? Is it building still? How has it responded to the backlash against it, and how is its character changing?
	The Military We Need	
	David H. Berger Joni Ernst Mike Waltz Roger F. Wicker Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator)	Despite its prowess, the United States military is shrinking, aging, and becoming ever more expensive. The Defense Department is also struggling to adapt commercial technologies for military use in a post-monopsony market and attract new recruits. How can the military stay on the cutting edge, interesting to American youth, and prepared for worst-case scenarios, including in Asia?

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	Roaring Twenties 2.0: Will Artificial Intelligence and Other Tech Advances Supercharge the US Economy? Erik Brynjolfsson Tyler Cowen Scott Gottlieb James Pethokoukis (Moderator) Artificial intelligence is rapidly advancing. Though advances in information technology have been reshaping the US labor market for years, the pace of change has likely accelerated. What are the implications for productivity growth, inequality, and employment stability? And what are the broader implications for society's future in a world where machines can do more and more?	
	Bespoke Woke: Culture Wars as Luxury Goods Jonah Goldberg Charles Murray (Introduction)	

Sunday, March 12 (Daylight Saving Time)

7:30–10:15 a.m.	Breakfast Open	Cloister
8:00–8:45 a.m.	Mass	Cloister Chapel
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Morning Session Can Major Parties Get Their Acts Together in Time for 2024? David Brooks Chris Christie Rob Portman Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)	Cloister
	A divided conservative movement, bitter personal rivalries, and a potentially crowded field of hopeful nominees are all likely to make Republicans' road to the 2024 elections long and hard. For Democrats, serious questions about a Joe Biden–Kamala Harris ticket and their own ideological tensions could present great hurdles to clear. Further controversies are bound to emerge between and within the parties, especially over their shifting priorities on pressing problems abroad and their failures to address ever-growing deficits and the national debt. Our panelists will discuss these looming issues and give their first takes on what they heard from potential presidential candidates during our World Forum.	
10:30 a.m.	Adjournment	

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

March 6, 2023

The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wicker:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you and your spouse received to travel to the *American Enterprise Institute's World Forum*, in Sea Island, Georgia, on March 9–12, 2023, sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from AEI in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.¹ AEI invited you and your spouse to travel to the *American Enterprise Institute's World Forum*, in Sea Island, Georgia, on March 9–12, 2023. AEI certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. AEI has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.³

Additionally, you inform the Committee that you plan to extend your trip for a personal purpose. Based on the information you submitted, the Committee understands that, for a personal purpose, you intend to extend your trip in Sea Island, Georgia for several days after the conclusion of officially related events. You must personally pay the cost of any additional expenses incurred as a result of extending your trip.

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments,

¹ If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

² The term “necessary expenses” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 10–13.

³ The term “any point throughout your trip” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 15.

and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel (Travel Regulations)*. The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Entities that do not retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent and all non-profit organizations designated as tax-exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, regardless of whether they retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent, may sponsor domestic trips for up to three days. The three-day limitation means three 24-hour periods, calculated from the time of arrival in the trip location to the time of departure from the trip location. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee at any point throughout the trip, other than in a *de minimis* way.⁴ This means that neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited.⁵

Under Senate Rule 35, a Senator or officer who receives payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel must disclose those expenses to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-3), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.⁶

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, AEI's factual representations, and the guidance contained in this letter regarding extending your trip for a personal purpose, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from AEI in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records). Necessary expenses may include travel expenses for the spouse of a Member if the Member determines that the attendance of the spouse is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

⁴ The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6–8.

⁵ See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6–10.

⁶ Trip extensions for any purpose do not extend this deadline.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a Member, on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$415 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Hamilton Kopplin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Member and Officer Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist